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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: GALLAGHER/DYKES

REF: STATE 287323; BEIRUT 15402 AND PREVIOUS

1. THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE BEEN FOLLOWING THIS CASE CAREFULLY WILL NOTE REFERENCES TO THE POSSIBILITY THAT THOSE DETAINING GALLAGHER/DYKES WILL ENDEAVOR TO EXPLOIT THEIR RELEASE PROPAGANDA-WISE. I ALSO INVITE YOUR ATTENTION TO THE PRECEDENT OF MORGAN CASE, I.E., HOW LEBANESE HANDLED IT PRESS-WISE. THERE WAS MORE INTEREST IN MORGAN THAN IN GALLAGHER AND DYKES, BUT I ASSURE YOU THAT GALLAGHER AND DYKES INTEREST IS LATENT AND WILL FLARE WHEN THEIR RELEASE IS IMMINENT.

2. EVERYTHING OF COURSE WILL DEPEND ON THE HEALTH OF GALLAGHER AND DYKES AT TIME THEIR RELEASE. IF, AS I ASSUME, IT IS GOOD, I ONCE AGAIN URGE THAT THEY BE EXPOSED BRIEFLY TO THE MEDIA HERE IN BEIRUT AFTER THEY ARE IN OUR CUSTODY PRIOR TO THEIR DEPARTURE. AGAIN MORGAN IS A PRECEDENT. WHAT HAPPENED WAS THAT PRESS WAS ASSEMBLED IN A LARGE SCREENING ROOM IN THE BASEMENT OF AUB HOSPITAL. MORGAN APPEARED BRIEFLY, READ A THREE PARAGRAPH STATEMENT EXPRESSING THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO HAD WORKED ON THE CASE, AND TOOK OFF FOR THE AIRPORT. PAO CURTISS STAYED ON TO ANSWER QUESTIONS. THE PRESS, INCLUDING TV, WAS PLEASED

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AND THAT WAS THAT. I STRONGLY RECOMMEND I BE GIVEN THE

LATITUDE TO FOLLOW A SIMILAR PROCEDURE IN THE CASE OF
GALLAGHER AND DYKES IF IN MY JUDGMENT, AND THAT OF THE
DOCTOR, IT IS DESIRABLE. I REQUEST THAT THIS MESSAGE BE
SHOWN TO DIRECTOR KEOUGH AND TO NEA DEPUTY ASST SEC
DAY.
GODLEY

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